

IN THE AUTO PARTS STORE

What happens
when you walk into
the auto parts store
and there is this dude
behind the counter
covered with fur and grease,
weighs 324, 7 foot 2, pounds,
his knuckles
dragging on the ground,
hasn't shaved for 6 days,
no bath for twice that,
flies are buzzing around
in his navel,
and you ask
"Hey man
you wanta buy an ad
in a poetry book?"

He looks up
says, "Sure,
hold this,"
and drops
a Chevrolet block
in your lap.

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MUCOUS MEMBRANE

Farley crushed a Vivarin into a fine powder
and inhaled it.

"Doesn't that burn?" I asked.

Farley sniffed a little before replying.

"A little," he said, "but it's a lot more effective
this way."

His nostrils were rimmed with yellow dust.

Farley has this theory that everything is better when
absorbed through the mucous membrane. I guess it's not
surprising that I worried like hell about him whenever
we barbecued steaks.